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NOTE TO: John Horton
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SUBJECT: NIE [REDACTED]

Before sending the ToRs for the NIE [REDACTED] to the DCI, I added a comment in the margin that the attention given to the Soviet role ~~and~~ military supply and, relatedly, Soviet influence on the military was inadequate. I would put it even more starkly to you: This estimate should begin with the premise [REDACTED] has no intrinsic importance to the US and therefore what is it [REDACTED] that concerns us. What are the economic, political, and military aspects of recent developments there that make it a potential problem for the US. It seems to me this should be the thrust of the estimate, which should not be just a general review of everything we ever wanted to know [REDACTED] (and more). Such a refocused effort also would keep the length such that we can actually get people to read the estimate.


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